

REMARKS

Claims 28 are presently pending.

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Minnifield for the indication that Claim 28 is allowable (see Advisory Action mailed September 26, 2005). In addition, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Minnifield for the helpful and courteous discussion with their undersigned Representative on October 26, 2005, and the indication that the presently filed Supplemental Amendment would be entered. Acknowledgement to this effect and allowance of Claim 28 is respectfully requested.

This amendment to Claim 28 is the same as that set forth in the response filed on June 27, 2005. This amendment is set forth again, because the Advisory Action mailed on September 26, 2005, indicated that the response filed on June 27, 2005, would be entered solely for the purpose of appeal. Therefore, to ensure compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, it is necessary for Applicants to resubmit the marked up copy of Claim 28.

The rejection of Claims 4, 9, 25-27 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph (enablement), is obviated by cancellation of the rejected claims.

The rejection of Claims 3-7 and 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) over Oeuvray et al. (Blood 1994) or Oeuvray et al. (Mem. Inst. Oswaldo Cruz, Rio de Janeiro; Supp. II 1994) is obviated by cancellation of the rejected claims.

The rejection of Claims 3 and 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) over Oeuvray et al (Blood) or Oeuvray et al (Suppl. II) taken with Saul et al is obviated by cancellation of the rejected claims.

Acknowledgment of the withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is respectfully requested.

The rejection of Claims 28 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is obviated by amendment.

Applicants have amended Claim 28 to address the Examiner's criticisms. As such, this ground of rejection is believed to now be moot and in the Advisory Action mailed September 26, 2005, the Examiner agreed. Claim 29 has been canceled.

Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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